

Scandinavian Festival

45th Annual Astoria
Scandinavian
MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL



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2012 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival



Welcome!

to the 45th annual Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Who would have ever guessed that what started out as a Girl Scout fundraiser would have turned into a three-day festival of all things Scandinavian?

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is a great way to spend a weekend in Astoria, celebrating the cultures that helped shape our historic region. We will have fantastic entertainment. Our featured entertainers are the Polka Chicks and Jepakryddona. Both bands are traveling all the way from Finland to perform at our festival. We are also proud to present Astoria's own Astor Street Opry Company performing "Ole and Lena's Wedding."

Our festival is fun for all ages. Plan your days well. There is so much to do and see and eat and drink. A complete festival schedule can be found on our website, www.astoriascanfest.com, and inside this Coast Weekend. Join us Friday when the doors open at 2 p.m. This evening, we crown our Miss Scandinavia and dance the night away at the Queen's Ball. Saturday morning, start your day with the Troll Run, a 5.75-mile run/walk through the Olney countryside. In the case of pouring rain, the Saturday morning Optop (walking parade) may be held on the festival grounds. Sunday, wrap up your weekend with more festival fun and don't forget to try your luck at the raffle. The winners will be announced at our closing ceremony, but you don't have to be present to win.

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is a much-loved event that exists through the hard work of its volunteers. We want to thank everyone who makes our festival possible: the attendees, the vendors, entertainers and volunteers. A special thank-you goes out to our sponsors, without whom our event would not be viable.

We invite you to join with us in our celebration of Scandinavian heritage. Remember, you do not have to be a Scandinavian to enjoy our festival, but you may leave here with a little bit of Scandinavia in your heart.

Katrina Ivanoff

Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association

2012 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Friday - Sunday, June 22, 23 & 24

Clatsop County Fairgrounds
92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria

Admission

\$7 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6 to 12, free for children 5 and younger. Cash or check only.

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The 2012 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court.
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Schedule of Events

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Friday, June 22

BOOTHS OPEN

2 to 6:30 p.m., Arena

Visit the midsummer vendors to find specialty Scandinavian items, handcrafted treasures and Scandinavian food items.

BEEF DINNER HOSTED BY OLNEY GRANGE

4:30 to 7 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Beef, baked potato, green beans, salad, roll, pickles, tomatoes, dessert, beverage, \$12.

ASTOR STREET OPRY COMPANY PRESENTS

"OLE AND LENA'S WEDDING"

5:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

In a style similar to the popular audience-interactive stage production, "Tony and Tina's Wedding."

QUEEN'S CORONATION

7 p.m., Arena

Princesses sponsored by the Danish Society, Finnish Brotherhood, Sons of Norway and VASA Swedish Lodge will speak about their Scandinavian heritage. A panel of judges will select one to reign as Miss Scandinavia 2012.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AND BONFIRE

Immediately following the Queen's Coronation, Parking Area Scandia men with flaming torches will lead the newly crowned Miss Scandinavia and audience members to the bonfire to throw straw hexes into the flames. This tradition symbolizes rid-ing oneself of bad luck for the year.

QUEEN'S BALL

8 to 11 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Miss Scandinavia and her father or special partner will lead the first dance of the 2012 Midsummer Festival.

BEER GARDEN

3 p.m. to midnight

The Wet Dog Brewery from downtown Astoria will present a selection of its award-winning handcrafted microbrews and a limited menu. There will be live music in the afternoon and early evening hours.

Saturday, June 23

MIDNIGHT SUN BREAKFAST

7 to 11 a.m., Exhibit Hall

Buffet: Norwegian Jarsberg egg cake, Swedish pancakes with whipped cream and strawberries, Norwegian Rommegrot (sour cream porridge/pudding with cinnamon and sugar), lefse, Scandinavian cheese, shrimp and salmon lox, fresh assorted breads, fruit, fresh-baked Danish pastry, coffee, OJ, water, served by Scandinavian Café of Vancouver, Wash. Adults \$8, kids 7 and younger \$4.

TROLL RUN/WALK

8:30 a.m., Olney area

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival presents the ninth annual Running of the Trolls in the Olney countryside. Proceeds from the walk/run will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the parking lot.

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2012 Astoria Regatta SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 8

6:00pm - Kwan's Junior Parade

Thursday, August 9

12:00pm - Court/Sponsors Luncheon

Elk's Ballroom - Reservations required

(503) 325-4484

7:00pm - Coronation

Liberty Theater, Open to Public

Admissions with Regatta Pin

8:30pm - Queen & Court Reception

Liberty Theater, McTavish Room

Admission with Regatta Pin

Friday, August 10

11:00am Maritime Memorial

Maritime Park • Honoring: U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard & Columbia River Bar Pilots

3:00pm - Royal Rosarian Rose

Planting Ceremony

Flavel House • Refreshments

Clatsop County Historical Society

5:00pm - Regatta Softball Tournament

City Parks

5:30pm - Ketch Cutter Classic Sail

Columbia River

6:00pm - Admiral's Reception

Maritime Museum (by Invitation)

7:00pm - Pirates Den

Moose Lodge, 17th & Duane Street

Saturday, August 11

8:00am - Breakfast Buffet

Moose Lodge, 17th & Duane

9:00am - Regatta Softball Tournament

Continues - City Parks

9:00am - Lower Columbia Car Show

12th & Duane

10:00am - Family Fun - Ages 4-12

Levin Games - Flavel House

Bounce House - Aquatic Center

Climbing Wall - Aquatic Center

Regatta Swim - Aquatic Center

12:00pm - Yacht Club Sailboat Races

Columbia River

12:00pm - LENTRO / US Bank

Grand Land Parade

Exchanges & Duane Streets

1:00pm - Salmon BBQ

Moose Lodge, 17th & Duane

7:00pm - U.S. Coast Guard Search

& Rescue Demonstration

U.S. Coast Guard Group Astoria

17th Street Pier

7:00pm - England Marine

Twilight Boat Parade

Columbia River

7:00pm - Pirates Den

Moose Lodge, 17th & Duane Street

9:30pm - Waterfront Fireworks

Columbia River near East End Moon Basin

Sunday, August 12

8:00am - Regatta Softball Tournament

Continues - City Parks

9:00am - Astoria Yacht Club

Pancake Breakfast

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10:00am - Astoria Sunday Market

12th Street - Downtown

11:00am - Ducky Derby

West Basin

12:00pm - Yacht Club Boat Races

Columbia River

www.astoriaregatta.org



2012 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Saturday, June 23

BOOTHS OPEN

9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Arena

OPTOG PARADE

10 a.m., Downtown Astoria

Join us for a brief walking parade in downtown Astoria. If you are in costume, meet at the post office at 9:30 a.m.

EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Outdoors

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel will hold an open house in their Viking encampment outdoors, south of the Arena. Costumed reenactors will demonstrate crafts, tournaments, armor making and combat arts from the culture of the Middle Ages.

BARNEFEST

11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Arena

Young festival attendees can participate in children's activities in the Barnefest area. Children younger than 12 need to be accompanied by an adult.

FESTIVAL PARADE

11:30 a.m., Exhibit Hall

Miss Scandinavia and her court, costumed dancers and entertainers and representatives from the Scandinavian lodges will assemble in the Exhibit Hall and then parade through the Arena and festival grounds to the outdoor stage.

FLAG RAISING AND MIDSUMMER POLE RAISING

Noon, Outdoor Stage

Hear the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden while Miss Scandinavia and her court assist in the pageantry of the raising the flags of the Scandinavian countries.

PUPPET SHOW

1 and 4:30 p.m., Barnefest

"The Ash Lad Who Had an Eating Match with a Troll" (by Jorgen Moe) and "The Princess and the Pea" (by Hans Christian Andersen).

BEER GARDEN

Noon to midnight

VIKING DINNER

4 to 7 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Scandinavian Café of Vancouver, Wash., serves Swedish meatballs in brown cream gravy, Danish pork roast with prunes, new potatoes, braised red cabbage, garden salad, open-faced sandwiches, shrimp and herring salad, fresh bread and crisps, rice cream dessert with cherry sauce, assorted pastries, coffee, soda and water and more! Adults \$15, kids 6 and younger \$7.

ASTOR STREET OPRY COMPANY PRESENTS

"OLE AND LENA'S WEDDING"

5:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

DANCERS BALL

8 to 11 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Nordic Spirit of Olympia, Wash., will provide music for family-friendly dancing.

Sunday, June 24

PANNUKAKKU BREAKFAST

7 to 11 a.m., Exhibit Hall

Finnish pancake breakfast served by the Astoria Rotary Club, \$6.

BOOTHS OPEN

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Arena

EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL VIKING ENCAMPMENT

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Outdoors

BARNEFEST

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Arena

CHURCH SERVICE

11 a.m., Exhibit Hall

Join us for a nondenominational service hosted by a local minister.

PUPPET SHOW

Noon and 1:30 p.m., Barnefest

"The Ash Lad Who Had an Eating Match with a Troll" (by Jorgen Moe) and "The Princess and the Pea" (by Hans Christian Andersen).

PARADE OF COSTUMES

12:30 a.m., Exhibit Hall

Come and hear the lovely costumes worn by representatives of the Scandinavian countries in a fashion show with live models.

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"OLE AND LENA'S WEDDING"

5:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

RAFFLE AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

3:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Who will win the ticket to Scandinavia and the other prizes donated by the Scandinavian Festival Association and local lodges and businesses? Join us on Sunday to learn who the winners are. You need not be present to win.

The 2011 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival ends as the national songs of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are sung one more time and the flags leave the hall. Say goodbye to your friends and family and make plans to join us again in 2012.

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Welcome to
Astoria's 45th
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SENATOR BETSY JOHNSON



Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

The Next Generation

By Cate Gable

The 2012 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, taking place June 22, 23 and 24 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds southeast of Astoria, has been delighting North Coast crowds for 45 years.



The Festival has deep roots in the community, as illustrated by event co-chairman Loran Mathews. "I've been involved I guess 40 years or more, and there are a lot of others, too. I've been involved long enough that I'm starting to see people I knew as children come back with their families and grandkids."

Festival continuity

One of the things that can make or break a festival is its ability to attract the younger generation. And it seems that the Scandinavian Festival has a little something for everyone.

From the coronation of Miss Scandinavia Friday night followed by the hex burning and bonfire to the Midsummer Pole at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, the Troll run, the puppet theater and games in the Barnfest, there are events for all ages. But even more than that, the Festival has built-in reasons for young people to get involved and stay involved.

The selection of princesses from each Scandinavian lodge brings in a new group of talented and inspired leaders every year. Many of these young women are stepping into the shoes of their mothers or grandmothers.

As Mathews said, "We have a lot of kids who have been involved, but like all young folks they sort of scatter to the four winds over time for jobs or marriage, but a lot of them do enjoy coming back and being part of the Festival year by year—they come back with their families."

One of this year's princesses, Emmi Collier, representing the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters Lodge No. 2, said, "I've been part of the Festival my whole life! There are pictures of me going to the Festival when I was a baby, and I was a Junior Miss in 2001." Lela (Koskela) Collier, Emmi's mother, was in the Festival court in 1980 and Emmi's grandmother, or "Mummo" Lempi Koskela, still makes traditional Scandinavian fare.

"My observation is that like any organization, we'd like to have a lot more young people to help and make sure the Festival will continue—sometimes it's tough to get people who want to take chairmanships," Mathews continued, "but still, we have the princesses coming in and some have stayed with the Festival or come back. Our attendance has held steady these past years. We sell buttons—so we don't count twice

if someone comes Friday then back in on Saturday—and we sell between 3,500 and 4,000."

Family affair

Family connections keep the Festival strong, Mathews notes that his granddaughter, Helen Johnson, was a past princess. Janet Bowler, Festival organizer, noted, "Helen recently spent lots of time making lefse (a Scandinavian flatbread) at the Sons of Norway Lodge. Her mother, Tara Johnson, organizes the church service at the Festival and, of course, her grandfather Loran is co-chair of the festival. Helen was Queen two or three years ago."

Johnson graduated from Clatsop Community College, where she was student body president. "I've been involved since I was born. With my grandpa and grandma being such big forces in the Festival, it was kind of unavoidable. As soon as us kids were big enough to lift a bucket full of flour or put garlands up, we were out there helping," she said.

"I think the Festival is a great way to learn about where you came from. In this country, we kind of have an identity crisis, so learning about your heritage and your family struggles with people who have the same background is a great way to figure out who you are."

Food and fun

Gala Petersen, Lower Columbia Danish Society princess, suggests another reason young people might get interested in the Festival. "I would just tell them to start out dancing and then ask your family, 'Hey, do I have any Scandinavian heritage?' Then go to the Festival, go to the booths, and talk to people who know about their heritage. Before becoming a princess, I'd been part of the Nordic dance group for a really long time—I've been dancing since I was in third grade—and I liked that my family was into the Danish tradition and I kind of wanted to learn more about it."

Petersen, who just finished her junior year at Astoria High School, also mentioned what fun it is being a princess. "We go to a lot of places to give our speeches—this last week we got to ride a Navy ship, the USS Dewey (the Navy's guided missile destroyer) from the Port of Astoria to Portland. They gave us a tour of everything on the inside except cer-

tain security rooms and we got to be up on both the decks. I got to see the coast of Portland from the water... I definitely think the tradition will be carried on. I know I'm going to take my kids when I have a family."

When Collier was asked what's best about the Festival, she said immediately, "The food! If I'm trying to convince someone to go I always say the food is great—it is one of the best parts of the Festival. It's just delicious—you get sweet and salty, desserts, soups and everything in such a variety. Usually you can convince people with food."

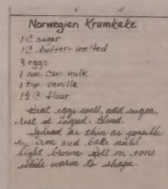
Petersen agreed, "My favorite is definitely aebleskiver and lefse. I also like krumkake—it's like an ice cream cone with designs on it, from Sweden, like a hollow cookie or a waffle. My family still makes a lot of these traditional foods for birthdays and holidays. My mom's a really good cook."

Bowler confirms: "Festival food is very important and one reason that people keep coming back year after year. Many of these recipes are once-a-year treats unless someone in the family still knows how to make them. There is rullepølse—a cured meat that is served on open-faced sandwiches at the Sons of Norway booth. (They also serve lefse.) Corleen Mathews (Loran's wife) makes krumkake and sells it in her booth along with coffee and prune tarts. There are two recipes for Finnish riisipuuro (rice pudding with fruit soup) from the Finnish Brotherhood. And the Danes make frukadeller, meatballs with red cabbage and rye bread."

Forty-five years of family fun

Other younger generation participants are performing. Don't miss the Polka Chicks, fiddler Kukka Lehto and accordionist Teija Nilu, coming all the way from Finland. Or Jepakryddona, also from Finland, who play mostly traditional wedding music from Jepo. And new this year, check out the Astor Street Opry Company's Reader's Theatre production of "Ole and Lena's Wedding."

So go for the food, the fun or the camaraderie and help keep the Festival strong. As Johnson said, "The Festival is really kind of a giant family reunion. Even if you don't know everyone at the Festival, you get to know everyone. That's why I look forward to it every year—it provides a feeling of home."



Above photo:

Janet Bowler's family recipe for Norwegian Krumkake is as authentic as it gets.

"This is an official festival recipe from years ago that I inherited from my mother," said Bowler.

Top left photo:

Three generations of the Mathews family work at making lefse at the Sons of Norway lodge: Loran Mathews (center, green shirt), his daughter Tara Johnson (left) and granddaughter Helen Johnson (right).



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Senior Court Chaperrone
Billie Jo Tarabochia

Billie Jo is married to Mark Tarabochia. Her national heritage is Swedish. She has two daughters, Ashley and Haley, a son, Sean, two stepsons, Matt and Mark Jr., and a stepdaughter, Taryn. She also has three grandchildren, Nathaniel, Alecs Rose and Payton. She is involved with Relay For Life, a committee member and past event chairwoman of Little Ballet Theatre, Tobacco Free Coalition and Astoria Christmas Club. In the past, she danced with the Scandinavian Festival young adult group. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and family.



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Senior Miss Denmark
Cala Carlena Anne Petersen

Cala's parents are Celeste and Ernie Petersen. She has one sister. Grandparents are Lewis Richardson, the late Sue Richardson, the late Ernest Petersen Sr. and the late Vida Petersen. She is a junior at Astoria High School who enjoys Scandinavian dancing, track and sports. She is a member of Astoria Christian Youth Group and Key Club. Cala's favorite memories of past festivals include troll kisses, the Queen's Ball, the traditional foods and dancing.



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Senior Miss Norway
Krista Higgins

Krista's parents are Brenda and Charles Higgins. Grandparents are Mervyn and Kathleen Helmersen, Marilyn Blevins and Larry Higgins. She has two siblings, Blake and Brandi. Krista is a senior at Warrenton High School. She is involved in volleyball, did the wrestling stats for Warrenton High and was a teacher's aide at Warrenton Grade School. She enjoys music, walks and hanging with friends. Her favorite memory of past festivals is doing the Chicken Dance and Hokey Pokey after the coronation, working at her grandmother's booth and running away from the troll.

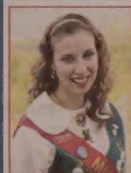


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Senior Miss Finland
Emmi Collier

Emmi's parents are Leila and Micheal Collier. Grandparents are Lempi and Vaino Koskela of Astoria and Diane and Sonny Collier of Warrenton. She has a brother, Kristofer. This was Emmi's senior year at Warrenton High School, where she was a varsity player for volleyball, track and field, and band. She played the trumpet in several school bands and has been a member of the North Coast Symphonic Band. She traveled to Europe last summer as a part of the Oregon Ambassadors of Music group.



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Senior Miss Sweden
Meg Dowaliby

Meg's parents are Todd and Dixie Dowaliby. Grandparents are Mike and Sally Dowaliby of Whitefish, Mont., and Bill and Betty Cunningham of Astoria. She has three sisters, Kim, Kara and Mara. She is a senior at Warrenton High School, where she is involved with cross country, track and field, choir, National Honor Society and student council. She is also active in the Viking Nordic dance group, 4-H, FEA (Future Educators of America) and Ambassadors of Music. Her favorite memories of the festival are the food, dancing all night at the Queen's Ball and dancing with the Viking Nordic Dancers.



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Junior Court Chaperrone
Marci Swenson

Marci is married to Vance Swenson. Her national heritage is Swedish. She has two children, Ben and Audrey. She is involved with the Vasa Lodge and the Kiwanis Club. She enjoys her children and volunteering.

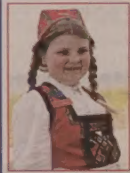


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Junior Miss Denmark
Ava Osborne

Ava is the daughter of Rebecca and John Osborne. Grandparents are Lynette Litwin, the late David Litwin and Patty Osborne. Great-grandparents are the late Joan Crawford, David and Janeice Crawford and Kathryn Litwin. Ava is a first-grader at John Jacob Astor Elementary School. She enjoys art, ballet lessons, soccer and swimming.

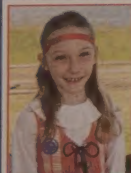


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Junior Miss Norway
Ava Catherine Palmberg

Ava is the daughter of Leslie Claterbos and Jason Palmberg. Grandparents are Marian and Mike Soderberg, Dave Palmberg, Nancy Claterbos and Stephanie Claterbos. She has two siblings, Taylor and Teague. She is in second grade at Astor Elementary. She enjoys dance, swimming and crafts.



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Junior Miss Finland
Josie Kero

Josie is the daughter of Doug and Jenae Kero of Seaside. Her grandparents are Myra Kero, the late Elden Kero, Ken and Jan Bonin, and the late Phyllis Thies. Josie has two older brothers, John and Jake Kero. Josie is 8 years old and in the second grade at Gearhart Elementary. She enjoys school, dancing, jump rope, riding her bike and playing with her friends and pets. Her Finnish heritage comes from her father's side of the family. Josie is proud to represent the Finnish Brotherhood at this year's Scandinavian Festival.



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Junior Miss Sweden
Audrey Swenson

Audrey is the daughter of Marci and Vance Swenson. Grandparents are Gerry and Bob Swenson of Astoria and Brian and Carol Graves. Audrey is in first grade at Astor Elementary. She has one sibling, Ben. She plays the piano, soccer, enjoys reading, drawing and puzzles.



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Crown Bearer
Ben Swenson

Crown Bearer is Ben Swenson. His parents are Marci and Vance Swenson. Grandparents are Gerry and Bob Swenson of Astoria and Brian and Carol Graves. He is in third grade at Lewis and Clark Elementary School. He has one sibling, Audrey. He plays soccer, baseball, wrestling, enjoys reading, video games, playing the guitar and dancing with the Scandinavian dance group.



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Miss Scandinavia 2011
Cari Knapp

Cari Knapp was crowned Miss Scandinavia in 2011. She is a senior at Krappa High School. Her mother is Melissa Takalo. Her grandparents are Carolyn and Lowell Knapp and Linda and the late Alan Takalo. Great-grandparents are Virginia Estes and the late Margarata Bjarne Thomassen. Cari is involved in basketball, volleyball, track, drama, Scandinavian dancing, hanging with friends and traveling.

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Festival Entertainment

THE POLKA CHICKS

The Polka Chicks is an energetic folk music duo from Finland. Hear them online at www.myspace.com/thepolkachicks

JEPOKRYDDONA

Jepokryddona (formed in 1994) is a folk group made up of Swedish-speaking Finns who play mostly traditional wedding music from Jepo. Hear them online at www.myspace.com/jepokryddona

ASTOR STREET OPRY COMPANY - "OLE AND LENA'S WEDDING"

A style similar to the popular audience-interactive stage production, "Tony and Tina's Wedding."

DOUBLE J AND THE BOYS

"Lively and fun" from the Long Beach (Wash.) Peninsula with an unusual variety of music. Catch them at 4 p.m. Friday in the Arena and in the Beer Garden from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

FOLKVOICE

From an energetic rollicking Finnish humpsta to an elegant Swedish hamba, the Folkvoice band performs them all.

NORDIC SPIRIT

Nordic Spirit music includes tunes for polkas, waltzes, schottisches and other toe-tapping rhythms.

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY

This is the band that plays the local favorite dances like the Varsouvienne, the Butterfly and the Irish Waltz as well as polkas, schottisches, waltzes and hambos.

THE SQUEEZER AND THE GEEZER

Catch this talented and lively duo at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Arena, 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Beer Garden and 10 a.m. Sunday on the Arena stage.

WILHO SAARI

Saari will play for the nondenominational church service Sunday morning.

"SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA"

The 28th season opens in July and runs through September at the Astor Street Opry Company Playhouse.

AITVARAS - PORTLAND LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCERS

A Lithuanian folk dance group from Portland that has been dancing together since 1997. Watch them on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjKkNJ9RmPM

LEIKARRINGEN OF PORTLAND DANCERS

This long dance tradition is rich with tunes and dance steps from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and even Estonia. Dances are generally fast-paced and a recent addition to Leikarringen has been its own group of musicians who perform on traditional instruments. Leikarringen is led by Christie Stilson and will perform at 1, 3:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

NORDIC/VIKING/SCANDIA DANCERS OF ASTORIA

The Nordic Dancers are the youngest group and several members are performing at their first Festival.

EMPIRE OF CHIVALRY AND STEEL / VIKING ENCAMPMENT

The Empire of Chivalry and Steel specializes in the recreation of the culture of the Middle Ages, including the art forms, events (feasts, tournaments, ceremonies and wars), and combat arts from that period. The purpose of this nonprofit educational corporation is to study (and teach the general public) ideals and history from 800 A.D. to 1650 A.D. within the geographical boundaries of Europe and to provide an organized effort in the collection, interpretation and distribution of historical data through publication and demonstration.

Festival Vendors
For a complete list of festival vendors go to: www.astoriascanfest.com

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Festival Food

Dinner hosted by Olney Grange

4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday

\$12
Roast beef with trimmings, baked potato, green beans, salad, pickles, tomatoes, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Midnight Sun Breakfast Buffet

Traditional meal served by Scandinavian Café of Vancouver, Wash.

7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Exhibit Hall

\$8 adults, \$4 for kids 6 and younger

Norwegian Jørisberg egg cake with ham; Finnish breakfast "Pyttipannu" - Scandinavian pan-fried scramble of potatoes, onions and sausage with egg; Swedish pancakes with fresh strawberries and whipped cream; shrimp and gravlax - salmon lax with dill; assorted Nordic cheeses; Rem-megrel - Norwegian cream porridge, with cinnamon and sugar; fresh-baked Danish pastry lefse; assorted fruit selection; fresh-baked breads and crisps; coffee and orange juice.

Viking Feast Dinner Buffet

Traditional meal served by Scandinavian Café of Vancouver, Wash.

4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Exhibit Hall

\$15 adults, \$7 for kids 6 and younger

Swedish meatballs in brown cream gravy; Danish pork roast with prunes; new potatoes; braised red cabbage; pickled herring salad; shrimp salad; Smørrebrød - Danish-style open-faced assorted sandwiches; green garden salad; Scandinavian cheese selection; fresh-baked breads and crisps; assorted cookies and pastries; Finnish rice cream dessert with cherry sauce; soda, bottled water, coffee.

Breakfast hosted by Astoria Rotary Club

7 to 11 a.m. Sunday

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Pannukakku (Finnish pancakes), ham, fruit cup, coffee, milk, juice.

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Date: Saturday, June 23

Time: Race starts at 8:30 a.m. from fairgrounds parking lot

Entry Fee: \$20 includes official Troll Run T-shirt (T-shirts are only guaranteed with early registration), entry button to festival, bottle of water and parking pass (good Saturday only); or \$15 (does not include T-shirt)

Registration: Late registrations will be taken at the Festival Information Booth Friday, June 22, and during check-in.

Race day check-in: 7 to 8 a.m. at Clatsop County Fairgrounds Building Entrance. T-shirts and festival buttons will be distributed at this time.

Awards: Awards will be given to the overall top male, female and youth finisher/runner in the 5.75-mile course.

Parking: Parking is available at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Please let the parking attendant know you are participating in the Troll Run.

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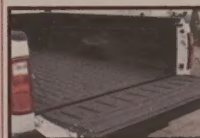
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